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REMARKS

In view of both the amendments presented above and the following discussion, the Applicants submit that all of these claims now satisfy the requirements of 35 USC § 112. Thus, the Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, the Examiner should telephone Mr. Peter L. Michaelson, Esq. at (732) 530-6671 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Specification amendments

Various amendments have been made to the specification to correct a minor inadvertent formal error.

Status of pending claims

Claims 1, 4-7, 9-12 and 14 were amended. No claims were canceled or added.

Objections

The Examiner has objected to claims 1, 5-7, and 11-13, as filed, owing to various informalities contained in this claims.

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In response, the Applicants have now suitably amended their claims to cure these informalities, as appropriate.

Rejections under 35 USC § 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-15, as filed, under the provisions of 35 USC § 112 as being indefinite.

Specifically, the Examiner indicated that various recitations in claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 14, as filed, lacked sufficient antecedent basis.

The Applicants have now amended all these claims to remedy the errors noted by the Examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has stated that all claims 1-15 would be allowable if amended or rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 USC § 112. The Applicants have now appropriately re-written their claims as necessary.

Conclusion

Thus, the Applicants submit that all of their claims, as they now stand, fully satisfy the requirements of 35 USC § 112.

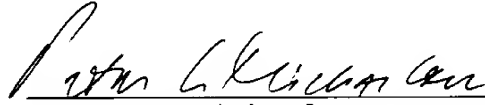
Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance.

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Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and
its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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